

First Congregational Church of Wakefield NH
United Church of Christ

Sunday, August 30th, 2026
Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

We are an Inclusive Faith Community.
All Are Welcomed and All Really Means ALL!



A joyful Noise Makes Your Heart Sing!

Guest Ministers & Musicians — Kevin Connell, Buddy Dee, Evan McDougal,
Richard Messer & Jo Szírbik

Sunday Deacons—Donna Ackerman & Anne Palmariello

Greeters—Jeff Hebert, Linda Messer, Nancy & Jeff Perkins

Tech Team—Donna Ackerman, Gloria Ballinger, Kaylee Fogg,

Nathan Fogg, Carol Jeffery & Barry Truhn

Organists—Cindy Eggleston & Beverly Woods

Voice Choir Director—Cindy Eggleston

Bell Choir Director—Kevin Connell

Guitarist—Buddy Dee

Exterior/Interior Floral Décor - Rachel White

Welcome to Sunday Worship!

(Please stand if able. Bold content is read in unison.)*

Greeting & Reply

Introit & Candle Lighting

***Opening Hymn** “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” Blue #87

***Call to Worship**

One: Sing to the Lord a new song, a song of hope and rejoicing!

All: Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy and kindness!

One: God has remembered God’s faithful ones.

All: God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!

One: Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!

All: Rejoice, for God is truly with us.

One: Let us worship God together

All: For God has done marvelous things in our eyes

The Scripture Readings *(NRSVUE – see screen)*

Ann Bilodeau

Epistle Reading: Psalm 105:1-6

Gospel Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Reader: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

Invocation

Heavenly Father, we gather in Your name, and we invite Your holy presence into this place. Let Your Spirit fill our hearts, guide our words, and inspire our songs. Unite us in love and purpose and make us instruments of Your grace. We thank you for Your mercy, and we wait in expectation for Your power to move among us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Special Music Video *(see screen)*

“Hope Is” by Andrea Szirbik-Groft

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o8rX05Eimbk>

Passing the Peace of Christ *(if you feel comfortable doing so)*

***Speaking of The Lord's Prayer** *(see screen)*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our Debts as we forgive our Debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Announcements

Offering

Voice Choir Offertory Anthem "Fall Like Rain" by Stan Pethel

***Doxology** *(see screen)*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise God all creatures here below,
Praise God above, ye heavenly host,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Musical Message

Buddy Dee leading *(see screen)*

"Grow Old Along with Me" lyrics by Robert Browning & tune by John Lennon

"Wayfaring Stranger" American Folksong

Evan McDougal performing

"Who am I" by Casting Crowns

Kevin Connell & Richard Messer leading

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound" NCH #547

Prayers of the People

Congregational Hymn "God be with You" Blue #523 vs. 1 & 2

Benediction

Congregational Hymn "God be with You" Blue #523 vs. 3 & 4

Postlude



***Please join us for a wonderful coffee hour
downstairs after Sunday Service.
ALL ARE WELCOME!***



****HAPPENINGS & REMINDERS****

- ***THE PARISH HELPERS TREASURE SHOP is now open
Wednesdays & Saturdays from 9am – 12pm!***
 - ***HYMN REQUESTS are needed and can be placed in the offering plates!***
- ***See Steeple Views & Happenings Emails for Updates & Details*****

- CareGivers Support Group: 1st & 3rd Mon @ 9:30 am
 - Finance Ministry Meeting: 3rd Mon @ 1 pm
- Adult Faith Formation: Tues @ noon (*summer pause*)
 - Ukulele Club: 2nd & 4th Tues @ 6 pm
 - Chair Yoga w/ Pam: Wed @ 10 am
 - Diaconate Meeting: 1st Wed @ 5 pm
- End 68 Hours of Hunger Volunteer Meeting: Thurs @ 10 am (*summer pause*)
- Evening Bible Study: 1st & 3rd Thurs @ 5:30 pm (*summer pause*)
 - Outreach Meeting: 2nd Thurs @ 11 am
- Parish Helper's Meeting: 2nd Thurs @ 1 pm
 - BLPOA Meeting: 2nd Thurs @ 6 pm
 - Leadership Council Meeting: tba

Prayers

Rev Mills, Jan S, Gerard B, Lois B, Nancy B, Brian T, Cindy E, Our UCC Sister Church in Zimbabwe, Richwood LA Detainees:

Arezoo Mostafavi- Iran

Brkti Zerabouk Kahsay- Ethiopia

Selam Gebre Haile- Eritrea

Haben Haile- Eritrea - and the many who's names we do not yet know.



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